# GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department – Certain allegations against Smt.K.Jhansi, former Sub Registrar, Kukatpally (now Retired), - Departmental Proceedings initiated under rule 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 read with Rule 9 of A.P.R.P. Rules, 1980 – Imposing a punishment of 50% cut in pension for a period of five years – Orders – Issued.

# **REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT**

<u>G.O.Rt.No.1570.</u> <u>Dated: 24.10.2013.</u>

Read the following:-

- 1) Charge Memo.No.MV/760/97, dated: 20.08.2001 of the DIG, R&S, Hyderabad.
- 2) Written Statement of Defence of Smt. K.Jhansi, dated: 15.06.2012.
- 3) Procdgs.No.MV/760/97, dated: 22.08.2002 of the DIG, R&S, Hyderabad.
- 4) From the VO & REO, Report No.REO/VO/HYD/REPORT NO:15/A/2003, dated: 02.05.2005.
- 5) From the DIG, R&S, Hyderabad, show cause notice No.MV/760/97, dated: 12.05.2005.
- 6) Final Written Statement of Defence of Smt K.Jhansi, dated: 15.07.2005.
- 7) From the C&IG, R&S, A.P., Hyd., Lr.No.X4/1048/97, dated: .03.2006.
- 8) Govt. Memo.No.17857/Vig.VI (3)/2011-3, dated: 06.07.2012.
- 9) Representation of Smt. K.Jhansi, dated: 14.08.2012.
- 10) Govt. Lr.No.17587/Vig.VI (3)/2011-4, dated: 26.08.2013.
- 11) From the Secy., APPSC, Hyd., Lr.No.1823/RT/3/2013, dated: 27.09.2013.

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## **ORDER:**

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government that the Disciplinary Authority i.e. the Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Hyderabad framed the following charge against Smt. K.Jhansi, former Sub Registrar (now retired), Kukatpally while in-service (reference 1<sup>st</sup>):

She while working as a Sub Registrar at Sub Registrar Office, Kukatpally had registered (65) documents has not adopting market value as existing in Market Value Guidelines and violating the provisions of Indian Stamps Act, 1899. Thus she caused a loss of revenue to an extent of Rs.25,48,702/- towards stamp duty.

- 2. The Charged Officer submitted Written Statement of Defence. As it is not convincing, the Disciplinary Authority ordered for regular enquiry by appointing the Vigilance Officer, Hyderabad as Regular Enquiry Officer and the Regular Enquiry Officer submitted his enquiry report to the Disciplinary Authority (reference 4<sup>th</sup>) and held that the charge not proved against the Charged Officer.
- 3. Since the Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2005, the Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, A.P., sent proposal to the Government (reference 7<sup>th</sup>) for taking further action, as the Government is competent authority to take action against the retired officers under Rule 9 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.
- 4. Further Government examined the findings of the Regular Enquiry Officer and disagreed with the same on the following ground:

"The Regular Enquiry Officer in the findings stated that the District Registrar and Collector under section 47-A of Indian Stamp Act of Ranga Reddy have issued clarificatory Memo's / Orders to Subordinate officers not to make repeated references under Section 47-A, in case if the transactions are pertaining to the same Sy. No. and by same parties to avoid repeated exercises in fixation of value for each and every document in the same Sy.No. and by same parties. This reason cannot change opinion of the collector who fixed the values of one and the same properties who himself inspected properties and fixed the values. But the Government disagree with the findings of Regular Enquiry Officer as the District Registrar and Collector under Section 47-A has to determined the Market Value under Section 47-A of Indian Stamp Act as and when the references comes through the Sub Registrar. The Collector under Section 47-A cannot take the law into his hands directing the Sub Registrars not to make references and fix the value for the entire Sy.No. or Nos. on his own arbitrarily. The Sub Registrar ought to have referred the documents for determination of Market Value to the Collector under Section 47-A of Indian Stamp Act and the Charge will sustain."

- 5. Hence, Government have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of 100% cut in pension permanently along with withholding of gratuity on the Charged Officer and directed show cause as to why the above punishment should not be imposed on her (reference 8<sup>th</sup>), and communicated enquiry report along with disagreement factors to her.
- 6. The Charged Officer submitted representation stating that the findings of the Regular Enquiry Officer may be accepted and requesting the Government to drop the charge and proposed provisional major punishment against her. After examining it, Government observed that though there is instructions and rules in force, she has to act according to market value guidelines, she has failed to do so, and there by loss caused to the Government Exchequer. However Government considered the request of the Charged Officer partly and finally decided to impose a punishment of 50% cut in pension for 5 years on Smt K.Jhansi, Sub Registrar (now retired) duly obtaining the concurrence of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission (reference 11<sup>th</sup>) (copy enclosed).
- 7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a punishment of 50% cut in pension for 5 years on Smt K.Jhansi, Sub Registrar (now retired) for the irregularities committed by her.
- 8. The Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

# VINOD K. AGRAWAL PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

#### To

Smt. K.Jhansi, former Sub Registrar (now retired), Kukatpally, Hyderabad.

(through the Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Hyderabad.) (w.e)

The Commissioner and Inspector General,

Registration & Stamps, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Hyderabad.

(with a request to serve this G.O. on the individual and furnish the served copy to Government for reference)

### Copy to:

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

SF/SC.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

**SECTION OFFICER**